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UM OPENS POETRY COMPETITION

MISSOULA --

The University of Montana Department of English is accepting entries for the 1988 Academy of American Poets University and College Poetry contest.

The contest is open to any UM student. March 1 is the deadline for submissions, which should be sent to the English department.

A \$100 prize will be awarded for the best poem or group of no more than six poems. Prizewinning poet Larry Levis of the University of Utah will judge this year's contest.

More than 150 colleges and universities are having Academy of American Poets contests this year. American poets who have won recognition through their participation in past contests include Sylvia Plath, Louise Gluck and Jon Davis, a 1985 graduate of UM's Master of Fine Arts degree program.

Every five years the academy publishes an anthology of selected prizewinning poems.

For more information, call English Professor Patricia Goedicke at 243-4063.

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